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Mr. Matt Mayer, Acting Executive Director
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Washington, DC 20531

Dear Mr. Mayer:

I would like to express my support for the Pleasant Township Volunteer Fire Department and their grant application submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The department is requesting funds to purchase new turnout gear, add a Personal Alert Safety System (PASS) and installation of a washer/extractor.

The Pleasant Township Fire Department lacks enough turnout gear for all responders; their current protective wear is outdated and worn. They are requesting 24 complete sets of bunker gear, and PASS devices which will alert all those on the scene of a firefighter in distress. Being properly equipped will give each firefighter a stronger sense of security and enable them to respond to their fullest ability. Also, the department would like to purchase and install a washer/extractor; this will increase the wear of the garments. Funding for this equipment would benefit more firefighters to confidently attack a fire, and ensure the safety of the community.

I strongly urge you to give this grant application your most thoughtful and serious consideration. If you need additional information, please contact Amy Eizinger, who is my Grant Coordinator, at (574) 753-4700. I would very much appreciate your acknowledging receipt of this letter with a response to my Logansport District Office at 444 Mall Rd. Logansport, In. 46947.

Thank you very much for your time and attention to this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of assistance as you make your determinations.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Chris Chocola", written in a cursive style.

Chris Chocola
Member of Congress